

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 30, 2004

FROM: **PATRICK J. MEAD**, Interim Director
 Department of Public Works – Regional Parks Division

SUBJECT: **SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC – GLEN HELEN REGIONAL
 PARK**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Find that waiving the daily admission, vehicle entrance, and shelter fees for the 2004 Sheriff's Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will serve a public purpose by supporting an event that will allow the Sheriff's Department to show its appreciation to the Volunteers who have provided an invaluable service to the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of San Bernardino County.
2. Waive the daily admission, vehicle entrance and shelter fees for participants in the Sheriff's Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Glen Helen Regional Park on Saturday, April 3, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has 112 Volunteer Units including Peace Officer Reserves, Search and Rescue, Citizen on Patrol and Explorer Scouts. These units have a total of 1,954 volunteer members ranging in age from 14 to 86. During 2003 these volunteers worked 567,561 hours of volunteer service. The significant number of hours worked alone validates that these individuals are truly dedicated to the safety of County citizens and communities. Using an average wage of \$20.72 per hour this represents \$11,759,864 in cost savings to the citizens of San Bernardino County. The Sheriff's Volunteer Programs are the role models for programs nationally and the Regional Parks Division recommends approval of this item to demonstrate the County's support and appreciation for their commitment.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Fiona Luke, Deputy County Counsel 387-5474) on March 17, 2004 and reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst 387-4635) on March 22, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will have minimal financial impact on Regional Parks. Without the waiver, Regional Parks would expect to receive approximately \$2,800 in admission/entrance fees from this event.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Thomas A. Potter, Chief of Regional Parks, 387-2340

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